

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 6-30-03.

## I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for CPT Code 97750-PPE.

## II. FINDINGS & RATIONALE

CPT CODE 97750 – Physical performance test or measurement (eg, musculoskeletal, functional capacity) with written report, each 15 minutes (see Medicine GR (I)(E)(2) for reimbursement amounts for Functional Capacity Evaluations). MAR = \$43.00 each 15 minutes.

DOS	CPT CODE	Billed	Paid	EOB Denial Code	MARS (Maximum Allowable Reimbursement)	Reference	Rationale
1-7-03	97750PPE (8)	\$344.00	\$0.00	F	\$43.00	Medicine GR (I)(E)(2) and (3)	A review of the submitted testing reveals the PPE has components of FCE per Medicine GR (I)(E)(2)(b). Records indicate that previous testing had been performed on claimant. The MAR for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> FCE is \$200.00. The requestor billed \$344.00 for components of FCE, which exceeds the MAR for an FCE of \$200.00. Therefore, the requestor is not entitled to higher reimbursement for components of an FCE than an FCE. Reimbursement of \$200.00 is recommended.

## III. DECISION & ORDER

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is** entitled to reimbursement for CPT codes 97750 in the amount of **\$200.00**. Pursuant to Sections 402.042, 413.016, 413.031, and 413.019 the Division hereby **ORDERS** the Respondent to remit **\$200.00** plus all accrued interest due at the time of payment to the Requestor within 20 days receipt of this Order.

The above Findings, Decision and Order are hereby issued this 20th day of February 2004.

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